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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/657,802

Filed: September 8, 2003

For: PREPARATION OF 5-TERT-BUTYL-

METAXYLENE USING A SOLID ACTIVE CLAY CATALYST

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Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: 13002.0015.NPUS00

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to extend the period for filing A Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application for two months.

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The requisite extension fee is \$210.00 for a small entity. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the two month extension fee of \$210.00 for a small entity to Howrey Simon Arnold & White Deposit Account 01-2508/13002.0015.NPUS00/LUD.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: April 15, 2004